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SUBJ: FURTHER BACK-TO-WORK LEGISLATION BY QUEBEC?

REF: QUEBEC'S 150 AND PREVIOUS

1. MAURICE FORGET, QUEBEC MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY IN MONTREAL THAT HE WILL INTRODUCE BACK-TO-WORK LEGISLATION IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS THERE IS A PROMPT BREAKTHROUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOME 5,000 STRIKING FRANCOPHONE NURSES.

2. NURSES STRIKE HAS DIRECTLY AFFECTED SOME TWENTY-THREE MONTREAL FRENCH-SPEAKING HOSPITALS AND A FEW IN OTHER TOWNS BUT INDIRECT SPILL-OFF OF PATIENTS TO ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INSTITUTIONS HAS GRADUALLY BECOME OVERWHELMINGLY BURDENSOME. SITUATION HAS RIVALLED OLYMPICS FOR FRONT-PAGE SPACE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, WITH MEDICAL SPOKESMAN AVERRING THAT "CHILDREN HAVE DIED" AS RESULT OF CURTAILED TREATMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

3. INJUNCTION ACTIONS AGAINST NURSES HAVE BEEN IGNORED AT URGING OF QUEBEC FEDERATION OF NURSES (QFN) LEADERSHIP AND PRESIDENT GINETTE GOSSELIN REFUSED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER UNION WOULD RECOMMEND ITS MEMBERSHIP OBEY BACK-TO-WORK LEGISLATION.

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4. FORGET MADE IT CLEAR THAT SUCH LEGISLATION, WHILE NOT "REPRESSIVE", WOULD GIVE QFN NURSES LESS THAN OTHER NURSES HAVE ACCEPTED AS RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER LEGISLATION WOULD ALSO COVER SOME 1,000 PARA-MEDICS ALSO ON STRIKE.

5. QUEBEC CABINET MEETING IN EMERGENCY SESSION AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COULD BE RECALLED BY FRIDAY.  
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